



# Georgetown School Committee

Thursday, December 9, 2021

## Meeting Minutes

51 North Street  
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Barbie Linares, Chairman  
Michael Hinchliffe, Vice Chairman  
Cheryl Lachendro, Clerk  
Suzanne MacDonald  
Lauren King

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**Attendance:**

Barbie Linares  
Michael Hinchliffe  
Suzanne MacDonald  
Cheryl Lachendro  
Lauren King  
**Absent: Suzanne Sutherland**  
**Margaret Maher, Principal PB**  
**Collin MacDonald**  
**Jack Tiano**

Superintendent Jacobs

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**1. Call to Order:**

Barbie Linares called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

**2. Consent Agenda:**

**Motion: to accept the and Warrants #21V22, #22P22 & #24P24. Suzanne MacDonald moved the motion. Michael Hinchliffe seconded the motion. Vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Motion: to approve the School Committee Meeting Minutes from 11-18-2021 & 11-21-2021**  
Cheryl Lachendro moved the motion. Michael Hinchliffe seconded the motion. Vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried.

**3. Audiences:**

**Public Comment:** None

Jenna Tabenkin joined the meeting to speak about Jewish holidays. She came to speak about the challenges of school being in attendance on Jewish holidays. She talked about how tests & quizzes are not given on those days, but she feels she misses content that would be beneficial to the tests that she would need to take the next day. Jenna is a senior, but is suggesting that for next year, GPS makes these holidays no school days. Her mother, Lea Tabenkin also joined the meeting. The School Committee, Superintendent Jacobs and Jeff Carovillano spoke about their expectations of what

happens in the schools on those days. They all believe that no homework and assignments are given on those days. Barbie stated that we will review the dates and expectations for the next school year.

**4. Student Representative:**

Mackenzie Beauvais gave an update on the homecoming. Student council had a meeting and started talking about fundraisers and what they can leave behind for the upcoming class. She talked about the Pep Rally and the Powder Puff event. She stated that the Juniors won the Powder Puff. She talked about the play (Matilda). She said the school has a lot of talent. The play will take place in February. She informed the School Committee that the GMHS had a band performance tonight.

**5. Administrative Reports:**

**Athletics:** Ryan Browner joined the meeting to give a Fall Sports Update. Ryan talked about the Powder Puff. He stated it was a very competitive event and it went very well. Ryan provided a Fall Sports Report for the School Committee's review.

Ryan discussed Divisions & Leagues and explained traveling sports and the rankings. He talked about the cost for buses. He explained that if our school is the host there is a small financial advantage. Ryan gave a brief update on every sport. He discussed the season records, the players and the awards that were given.

**5. Financial Report:** None

**6. Sub-Committee Reports:**

**Budget & Finance** - Michael Hinchiffe gave an update on the meeting that took place today. He reminded the committee about the Budget freeze for the time being and the preparation for the FY23 Budget. He talked about some added costs for this year for Special Education. There is a chance there will be a 21% increase in the Special Education Budget for next year. They discussed priorities for the FY23 budget.

**7. Old Business:**

**Motion: to approve the revision of the Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity Policy ACAC).**

Michael Hinchliffe moved the motion. Suzanne MacDonald seconded the motion. Vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried.

**8. New Business:**

**Motion: to approve the surplus of the 12 items that were presented.** Michael Hinchliffe moved the motion. Suzanne MacDonald seconded the motion. Vote taken. All in favor.

**Motion: to approve the very generous donation from the Music Parents in the amount of \$1000.** Cheryl Lachendro moved the motion. Suzanne MacDonald seconded the motion. Vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Adjourn:

**Motion to adjourn the open meeting to go into Executive session *pursuant to Purpose 1 of the Open Meeting Law (M.G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(1)), to consider Open Meeting Law complaints against public officers, namely the members of the School Committee, such complaints having been filed with the School Committee on November 11, 2021; and pursuant to Purpose 7 (M.G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(7)) to comply with or act under the authority of a Massachusetts General Law, namely the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(1); M.G.L. c.4, §7(26); and/or M.G.L. c.214, §1B.***

Michale Hinchliffe moved the motion. Suzanne MacDonald seconded the motion.

**Roll Call:**

Michael Hinchliffe - Yes

Lauren King - Yes

Cheryl Lachendro - Yes

Suzanne MacDonald - Yes

Barbie Linares - Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Parker  
School Committee Secretary

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